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1. INCREASED U.S. MILITARY TRAINING COSTS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARMED FORCES OR ON RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. THERE IS AT PRESENT NO MILITARY TRAINING OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL BEING CONDUCTED UNDER USG AUSPICES EITHER UNDER GRANT, FMS CASH SALE, OR HOST COUNTRY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST IN OBTAINING SUCH TRAINING IN U.S.

2. ONLY MILITARY PERSONNEL TRAINING WHICH HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY T&T GOVERNMENT IN UNITED STATES HAS BEEN LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLIGHT AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING CONTRACTED WITH PRIVATE AVIATION SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA. LIMITED OVERSEAS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR ARMY AND COAST GUARD OFFICERS IS ALL CONDUCTED IN UNITED KINGDOM IN CONFORMITY WITH LONG-STANDING ARRANGEMENTS AND PAST EFFORTS TO INTEREST GOVT HERE IN POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF U.S. FACILITIES HAVE EVOKED MINIMAL INTEREST AND SOME OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION.

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